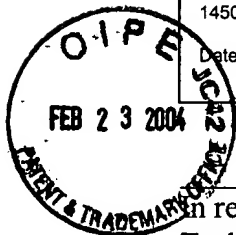


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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated November 19, 2003 (Paper No. 1103), for which a response was due on February 19, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to March 19, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.